

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Matt Dykstra, son of Steve and Beth Dykstra, will graduate from Avon High School on May 17, 2009, amidst the fanfare and celebration of family and friends; and,

*Whereas*, Matt's graduation is a fitting and proper culmination of many years of hard work and dedication both inside and outside the classroom; and,

*Whereas*, Matt has followed a family tradition to achieve a perfect attendance record throughout his 13 years of education as an honor student, maintained an active extra-curricular life, and serves his community through the Avon Volunteer Fire Department—a family tradition as well; and,

*Whereas*, Matt's achievements are an inspiration to all young people in South Dakota who recognize that learning and the acquisition of knowledge are not a product but a process that stays with us all during our lives; and,

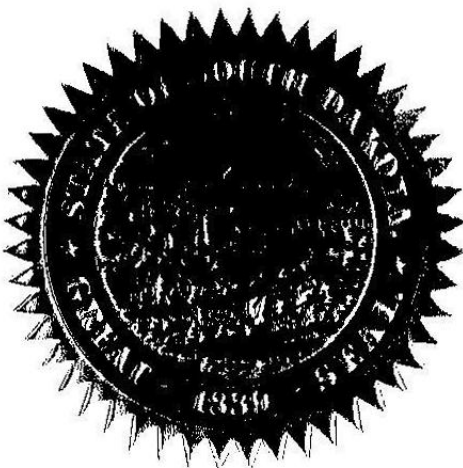
*Whereas*, South Dakota's young people are our state's best investment in the future and our greatest hope for prosperity; and,

*Whereas*, Matt's stalwart work ethic and powerful drive to succeed are preparation for a future filled with awesome challenges and unbounded opportunities:

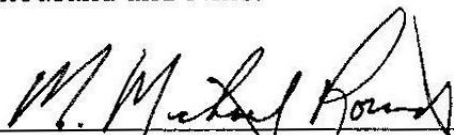
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I personally join Matt's family, friends, and classmates in recognizing Matt's accomplishments of the past and his promise for the future.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State